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4) ⊠ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdray 5) □ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ⊠ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected. 7) □ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) □ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	vn from consideration.				
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 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. 					
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been reviewed. Original claims 1-22 are pending. The rejection cited stated below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.
- 3. Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mousseau et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/012069[hereinafter Mousseau].

As per claim 1, Fiatal discloses a method of synchronizing folders between a mobile device and a second computing device, the method comprising:

initiating a folder synchronization request between the mobile device and the second computing device(see fig. 17, 0107);

comparing the folder hierarchy of the mobile device with the folder hierarchy of the second computing device to ascertain differences(see fig. 17, and paragraph 0102); sending information to at least one of the mobile device and the second computing device, the information being a function of the ascertained differences between the folder hierarchies (see paragraph 0120-0122);; and

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using the information to modify at least one of the folder hierarchy of the mobile device and the folder hierarchy of the second computing device (see fig. 17, and paragraph 0102).

As per claim 2, Mousseau discloses the method of claim 1 and further comprising: establishing a common folder hierarchy between the mobile device and the second computing device (see fig. 17).

As per claim 3-6, Mousseau discloses the method of claim 2 and further comprising: reestablishing the common folder hierarchy between the mobile device and the second computing device after modifying at least one of the folder hierarchy of the mobile device and the folder hierarchy of the second computing device(see fig. 17 and paragraph 0120-0122).

As per claims 8-11. Mousseau discloses the method of claim 1 wherein using the information comprises executing instructions on the mobile device or the second computing device to add, delete, move or rename a folder (see fig. 17 and paragraph 0120-0122).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mousseau as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Flanagin et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/004634 [hereinafter Flanagin].

As per claims 7, Fiatal discloses substantial features of the claimed invention as discussed with respect to claim 1 above:

Mousseau is silent regarding: wherein sending information comprises sending the information in a markup language format.

Flanagin Method and system for synchronizing mobile devices wherein sending information comprises sending the information in a markup language format (see paragraph 0028). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention presented with teaching of Mousseau to utilize the mobile device synchronization mechanism such as sending information comprises sending the information in a markup language format as taught by Flanagin thus enabling mobile devices to embed data or additional commands to be used when communicating with other devices.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Salad E. Abdullahi whose telephone number is 571-272-4009. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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